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**FOR**

**FOIA CASE NO. 43027**

(b) (5)

**From:** (b) (5)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 06, 2014 12:29 AM  
**To:** (b) (5)  
**Cc:** (b) (5)  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hi (b) (5)

Sorry for the slow response. I am not sure what you mean by what is the (b) (5). The target is the (b) (5). I will assume you actually want the sequences? b

Redacted by agreement

These primers were designed by the (b) (5). I have copied (b) (5) and (b) (5). I would be best to contact them with any design and validation questions. (6)

I will have to get back to you to confirm the sequences for the VSV-N assay.

Best regards,

(b) (5)

-----Original Message-----

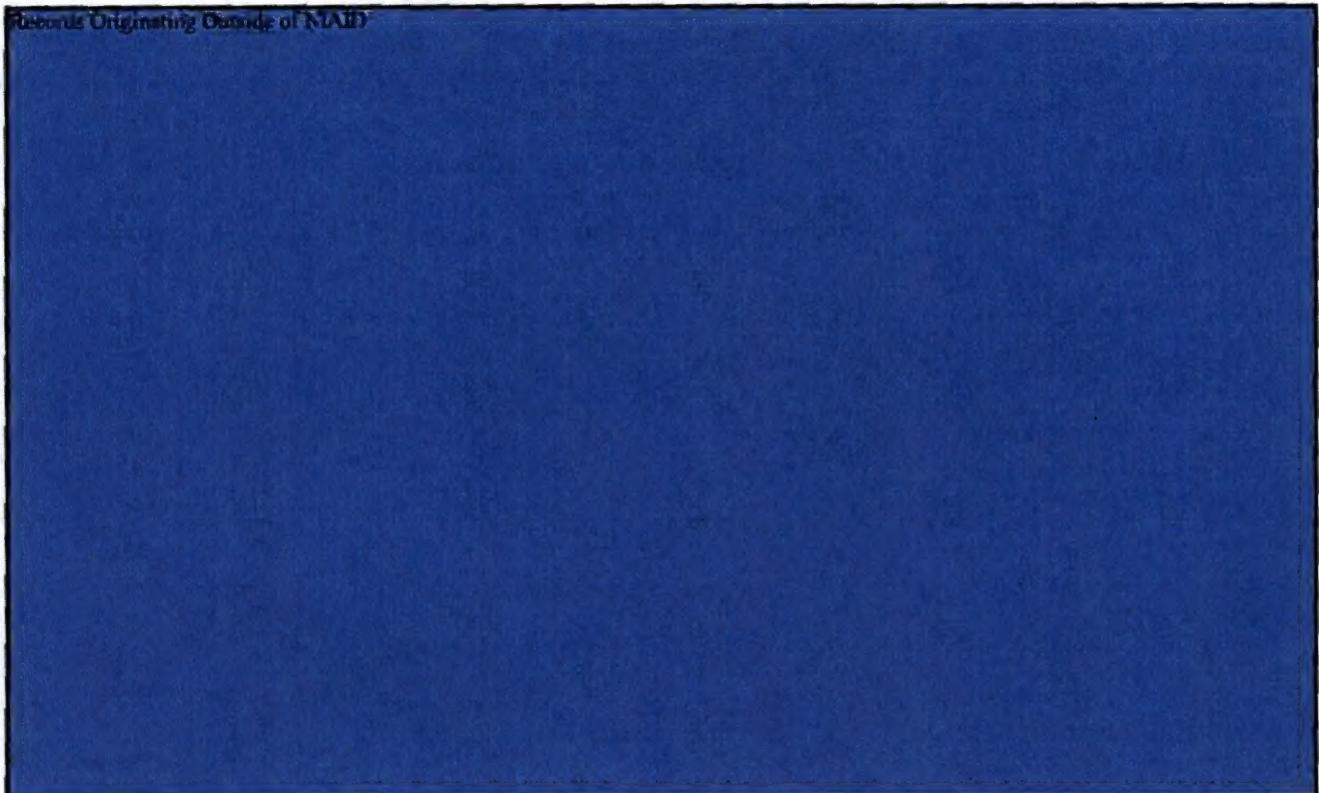
**From:** (b) (5)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 02, 2014 1:33 PM  
**To:** (b) (5)  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(b)

**From:** (b) (5)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 02, 2014 1:33 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 8:33 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

I assume it should work. I also assume you are talking about the (b) (6) system with (b) (6)

I do not see why it wouldn't but of course without having tested it ourselves I don't know.

Best regards,  
(b)

(b) (5)

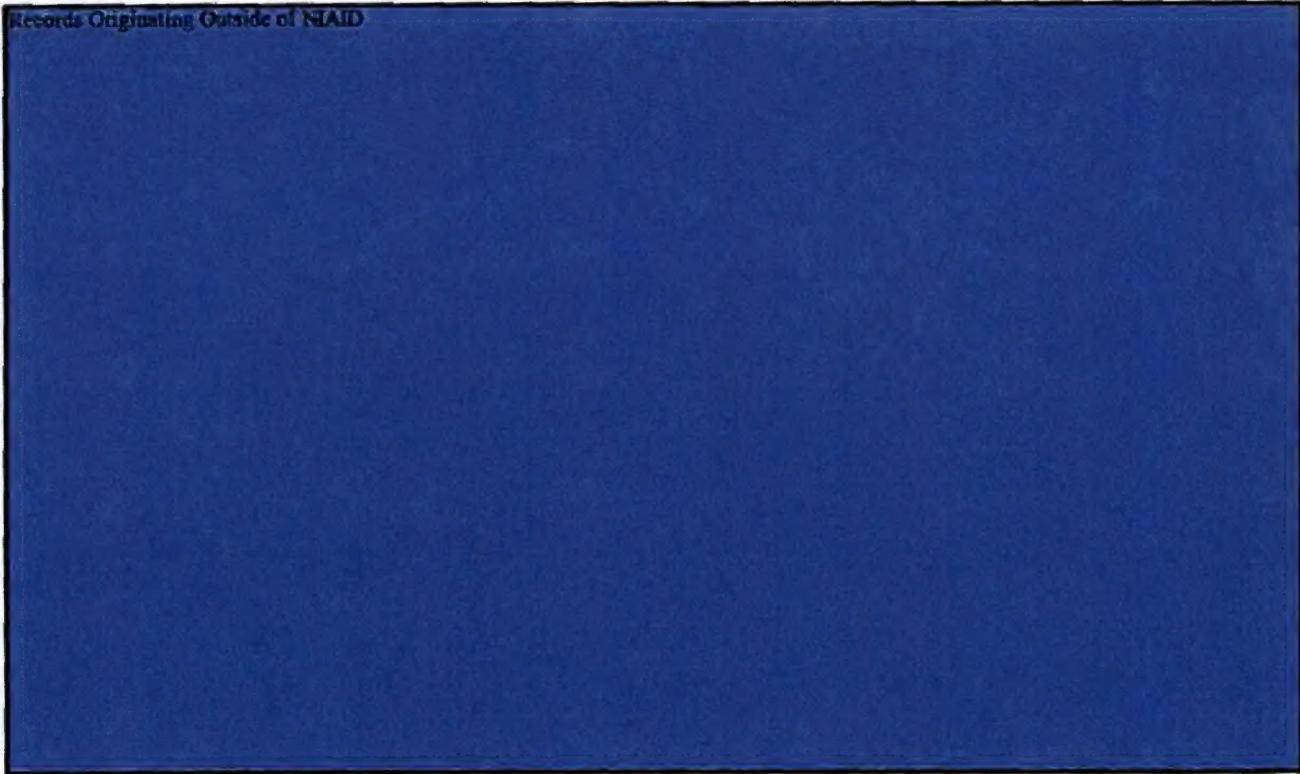
**From:** [REDACTED] (b)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

Can we briefly talk about this?

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**From:** [REDACTED] (b)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 02, 2014 1:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 8:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (b) (5)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

(b) (5)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 4:26 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

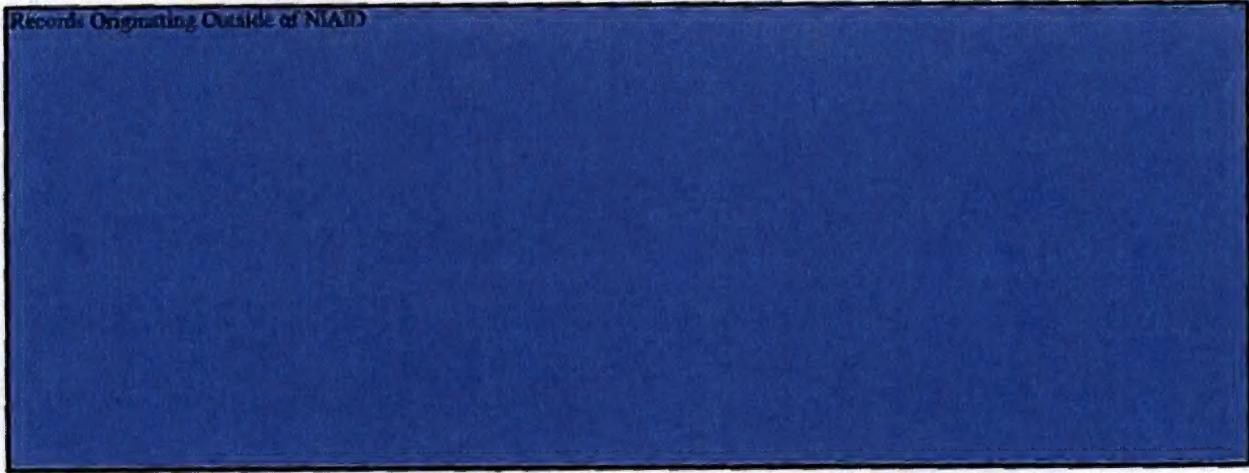
(b)  
Can you please advise?

Thanks,  
(b)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 2:33 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 2:35 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

(b) (6)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 12:35 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

(b) (6) - you must have controls for your own assay which was used previously on the patient's blood.

In regards to (b), (b) may have some left over from the (b) (6) work he did with (b). A lot of people use (b) as a control for lab studies - you may want to ask (b) (6) or others on site. (b) (6) most likely has (b). We can send (b) control (b) but it would take another day.

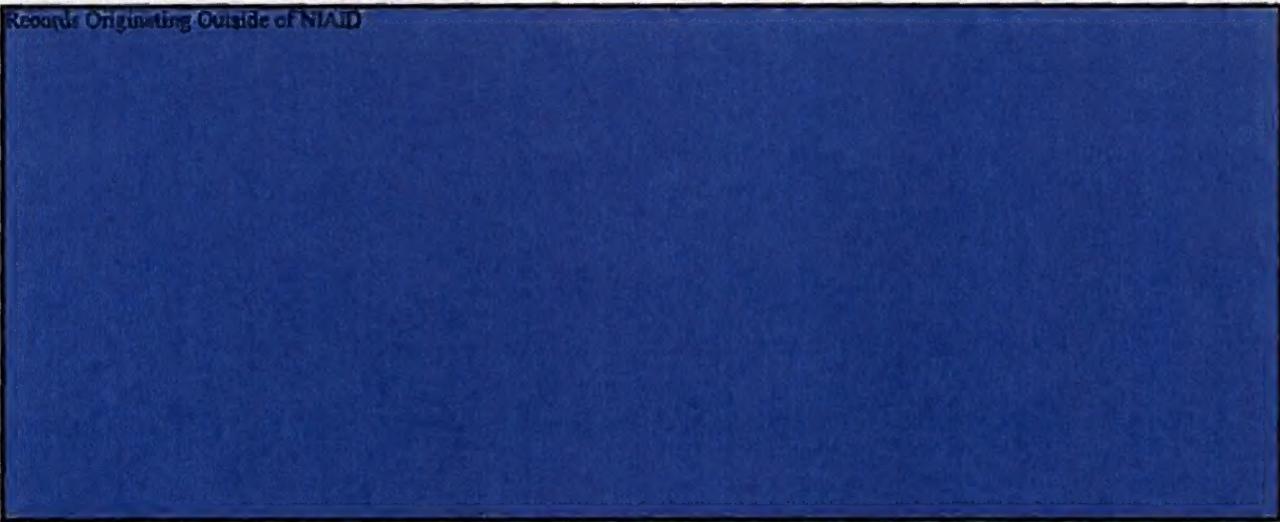
Let us know what you need. We would have to ship in the next two hours.

(b)

----Original Message----

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 11:28 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Primers (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 10:39 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 9:58 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: (b) (6) (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks.

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 9:22 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Weekly DoD-CDC-NIH Ebola Lab Synchronization Call (UNCLASSIFIED)

An actual update on last nights count: 90. So nowhere near the reported 300. Maybe this is what they are expecting. They just rotated as well, (b) (6) and (b) (6) are back.

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On (b) (6) at 22:23, (b) (6) (b) (6)  
(b) (6) – how many samples does the (b) (6) do every day? Do they really do 300 samples? They must be working day and night or do they have automated extraction?

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 1:58 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: (b) (6) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(b) (6)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 6:54 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)

(b)

(UNCLASSIFIED)

I know – I was wondering about the number as well. Still 150 is a big number.

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 5:56 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject: Re: (b) (6)** (UNCLASSIFIED)

150 tops, where does the number 300 comes from? Remind you that the do everything in "containment", so no inactivation etc.

(b) (6)

On Sep 29, 2014, at 22:23, (b) (6) wrote:

(b) (6) – how many samples does the (b) (6) do every day? Do they really do 300 samples? They must be working day and night or do they have automated extraction?

**From:** (b) (6)  
(b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 1:58 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)

**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject: RE: (b) (6)** (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(b) (6) [REDACTED]

**From:** (b) (6) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 4:24 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: (b) (6) [REDACTED] all (UNCLASSIFIED)

(b) (6) - how many samples does the (b) (6) do every day? Do they really do 300 samples? They must be working day and night or do they have automated extraction?

**From:** (b) (6) [REDACTED]

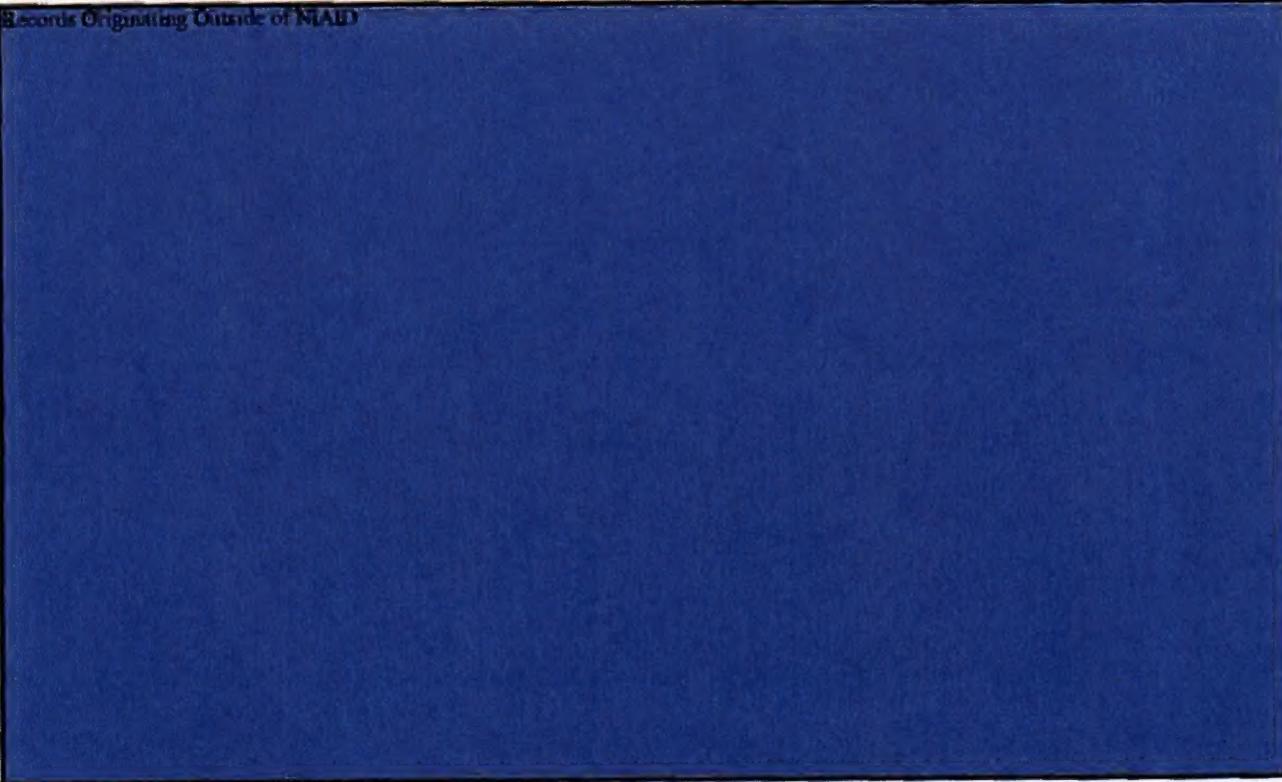
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 1:58 PM

**To:** (b) (6) [REDACTED]

**Cc:** (b) (6) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: (b) (6) [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)

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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** (b) (6) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2014 2:00 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) [REDACTED]

(b) (5)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 11:34 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: (b) (6) (UNCLASSIFIED)

What is (b) (6)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 8:04 AM

**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** Re: (b) (6) (UNCLASSIFIED)

If this is deemed useful, we could test them as well at the (b) (6)

Tried to call in from (b) (6) but couldn't hear anything.

Regards,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

On Sep 29, 2014, at 13:46, (b) (6) wrote:

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**(b) (6)**  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 9:45 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)

**Cc:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: (b) (6) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E]**

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**From:** 13864-50176113@requests.muckrock.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 1:50 PM  
**To:** Moore, Marg (NIH/NIAID) [E]; Schofield, Robin (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request: Feldmann's Ebola emails

October 20, 2014  
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)  
5601 Fishers Lane  
Room 6G50, MSC 9807  
Rockville, MD 20892-9807

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

All emails sent to and from Heinz Feldmann at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases's Rocky Mountain Laboratories containing the word "Ebola" from Sept. 20, 2014 to Oct. 20, 2014.

I request expedited processing of this application on the grounds that there is widespread public and media interest in Ebola and an urgent need to inform the public about government activity concerning a national public health issue.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Troy Carter  
Bozeman Daily Chronicle

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Re: FOI Case No. 43027

Dear Mr. Carter:

This is our final response to your October 20, 2014, Freedom of Information (FOIA) request emailed to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) FOIA Office. You requested a copy of "all emails sent to and from Heinz Feldmann at the NIAID's Rocky Mountain Laboratories containing the word 'Ebola' from Sept. 20, 2014 to Oct. 20, 2014."

In an email dated December 16, 2014 and addressed to Robin Schofield (NIAID FOIA Coordinator) you agreed to amend your request to the first printed page of every email. Additionally, in an email dated June 9, 2015 and addressed to me you agreed to amend your FOIA request to exclude the information that program staff identified as proprietary.

We searched the files of the Rocky Mountain Laboratories for records responsive to your request. That search produced 1,199 pages responsive to your request. Enclosed please find a disc containing 1,199 electronic pages. It is Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) policy to expunge personal information (such as home addresses, personal email numbers, cell phone numbers and reference letters) and references to unpublished articles. This information has been removed from the enclosed material. Additionally, we have redacted the proprietary information identified by program staff that information has been marked "redacted by agreement." Sixty of the pages found in our search contain emails that fall under the jurisdiction of either the Centers for Disease Control; the Food and Drug Administration; the US Department of State; the US Department of Agriculture; the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases; or, the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center of the US Department of Homeland Security. Accordingly, those records have been forwarded to those agencies for review, determination of releasability and

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direct response to you. I am sure you will be hearing from them shortly. If you feel that information has been omitted that should have been made available to you, please write to me and I will consult with the NIH Freedom of Information Officer.

In certain circumstances provisions of the FOIA and Department of Health and Human Services FOIA Regulations allow us to recover part of the cost of responding to your request. Because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge for the enclosed materials.

Sincerely,



Margaret Moore  
Freedom of Information Office  
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Enclosures: Disc containing 1,199 electronic pages